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Applicant: Katrin Kneipp et al.  
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For: SINGLE MOLECULE DETECTION WITH SURFACE-  
ENHANCED RAMAN SCATTERING AND  
APPLICATIONS IN DNA OR RNA SEQUENCING  
  
Examiner: Not Yet Assigned  
Art Unit: 1645

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**MAIL STOP Amendment**  
Commissioner for Patents  
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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

Sir:

Before beginning examination of the above-identified application on its merits, please amend the application as follows:

**The Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 2.

**Remarks** begin on page 24.

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